

wording in 70B [75]* does not exactly express the meaning as put forth by the committee. The wording says that you shall be docked or deducted \$15.00 for each day of unexcused absences from sessions of the Convention, or from meetings of authorized committees or subcommittees. It seems to me it should read, "and," to carry the meaning as put forth by the committee and I would move to strike the word "or" after Convention and committees and substitute the word "and."

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Schneider, which line of Section 70B [75]?

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: This is line 3 and line 4.

THE PRESIDENT: Would you state it again, in line 3 after what word?

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Excuse me, line 4, after the word "Convention", and after the word "committees", the last word is "or", and the word after Convention is "or". If you would say, "and", it would take the meaning that if you miss all of these, you are docked; if you make any one of them, you will not be docked.

DELEGATE SCANLAN: Delegate Schneider, I agree that the word "and" or the word "or" are words that carry with them ambiguity. I am not sure whether your amendment would clarify it for me.

In any event, does not the last sentence make perfectly clear what is stated, for the purpose of this deduction. A delegate shall not be considered to have incurred an unexcused absence on any day that the delegate is in attendance at any session of the Convention or meeting of any authorized committee or subcommittee.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: I agree that makes it clear. I do not see any reason for having a line which I believe is long just because the last line will clear it up.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Schneider, the Chair is unclear. Are you moving the amendment in both places; that is, in line 4 and also in line 8, or only in line 4?

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: No, sir, only in line 4, the two amendments to strike "ors" and put "ands", better express the meaning of the Committee as Mr. Scanlan had expressed it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Only in line 4?

*The number in brackets refers to the final number assigned to the rule in the Rules of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland.

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Grant? Wait just a second. Is there a second to Delegate Schneider's motion?

(The motion was duly seconded.)

THE PRESIDENT: Delegate Dukes seconded.

DELEGATE GRANT: That is copied exactly from the statutory language which uses the word "or" instead of the word "and."

THE PRESIDENT: Is there any further discussion of the motion to amend? Are you ready for the question?

(Call for the question.)

The question arises on the motion to amend, and the motion to adopt the rule by amending Rule 70B [75], by changing the word "or", the first word, "or", in the fourth line, to "and". A vote Aye is a vote in favor of adopting the amendment. Delegate Schneider?

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Mr. Chairman, my amendment was to change the "or", the sixth word, and "or", the last word of the sentence, unless the Chair is dividing the question.

THE PRESIDENT: No. You want to change both words, "or".

DELEGATE SCHNEIDER: Yes, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: Let me restate the motion then. The motion is to amend the motion to adopt the rule by amending Rule 70B [75], by changing the word "or" where it appears in two places in the fourth line, to the word "and". Are you ready for the question?

(Call for the question.)

All those in favor, signify by saying Aye; contrary, No. The Noes have it. It is so ordered.

Is there any further discussion on the principal motion, the motion to approve the Committee Report and adopt the rule? Are you ready for the question?

(Call for the question.)

The question arises on the motion to approve the Third Report of the Committee on Rules, Credentials and Convention Budget and adopt chapter 9, consisting of Rules 70A [74], 70B [75] and 70C [76], retroactive, as of September 12, 1967.